LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. G. W. Gue, D. D., will deliver his second lecture on "Army Remin-iscences" in the courtbouse next Mon-day evening at 7:30. All who heard the first lecture may be assured that this one is entirely different and just as good, if not better, than the first. Admission, 10 cents. For the benefit of the M. E. church.

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Weta nursery for prices.

Prepare to get ready to commence.

The tax roll will be turned over to the sheriff by the 15th of the month, or before. The clerks are now at work in their camp with one engine, but find it to be unequal to perform the work which they expect to accomplish this season. The high price of logs is very encouraging to loggers, and preparations are now being made for an immense output all along the Columbia this year.

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the salaries of the county officers of this county, by reducing the salary of sheriff from \$1500 to \$1400, but addsheriff from \$1500 to \$1400, but add-ing \$700 for deputy hire; reducing county clark from \$1800 to \$1400, but allowing \$900 for deputy hire; increas-ing treasurer from \$500 to \$600; county judge, \$500 to \$725; giving assessor \$900, instead of per diem, and school-superintendent, \$500, instead of fees.

Herb Howard, of Yankton, contains a liberal supply of pretty good material, for a small man. He is decidedly in favor of building a plank road from St. Helens to Nehalem valley, and is ready and anxious to pay his portion of the taxation for the entire ton years

The more cresmeries we can secure of the taxation for the entire ten years in advance. If there were more such for ueighborhoods in Columbia county enterprising citizens, the proposed improvement would be a reality in short the product of which will bring more corder. Mr. Howard says he would be glad to pay the full amount in lumber in advance.

We received by mail last week a catalogue from a San Francisco printing establishment, containing all the forms and instructions for making applicatiou to be declared a bankrupt. We are not in the bankrupt business, our selves, but if there are any more popuselves, but if there are any more popuselves. list editors in the county who are con-templating taking advantage of that law, as did Sanford and Mr. Vanderberg, the late populist candidate for congress in the first district, we will gladly loan them the book.

The News says that after a thorough canvas of the situation it is convinced that business conditions in Portland that business conditions in Portland are better at present than they have been since the paule of 1893. Isn't that a paroxyam? Times have been good for so long that ordinary people have lost sight of the fact that any different conditions ever prevailed. Most people are wrapped up in the pursuit of business matters so that the statement, coming at the time and from the source it does, is looked upon as a nort of a josh.

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Did you ever hear of the town of No-good, on the banks of the river No-good, on the banks of the river Slow, where the sometime-or-other scents the air and the soft Go-casy grow? It lies in the valley of Whats-the-use, in the province of Let-her-slide; its the home of the reckless I-don't-care, where the Give-it-ups abide. The town is as old as the human care and it arms with the light man race and it grows with the light of years; it is wrapped in the log of the idler's dream; its streets are paved with disordered schemes and are aprinkled with uscless tears.

At the present time there is a spirit of improvement and progress in the atmosphere. The people have aroused themselves from the effects of five years of panic depression. The dairy industry in Columbia county is attracting the attention of people who are desirous of going into it; those who have timber claims and the lumber-besmen, since the passing of the Nic aragua canal bill, feel satisfied that times are wonderfully better, and the local improvements that are going on indicate healty and progressive growth. Five years of such a spirit will make Columbia county a bee hive of industry. At the present time there is a spirit

The cannery combine is a scheme of the grafter, pure and simple, says the Welcome. If our old cannerymen, who have been in the business for years, do not know enough to conduct the business without the aid of some promoter who could not tell the difference between a chinook salmou and a sand hill crane, they would better go out of the business. It must be flattering to the pride of such men as King, Cook, Hanthorne, Megler and others to have some dude from the East step in and tell them how to run a cannery. If a combination would be beneficial, it can be affected without the aid of an outsider. This advice be beneficial, it can be affected without attending to business affairs in Port-the aid of an outsider. This advice land Monday afternoon. coats nothing, but it is well meant.

A very pleasant evening was spent in the castle hall of the Knights of Pythias last Thursday by the members and friends of Ava temple, Rathbone Sisters. The occasion was the conferring of the work on three candidates by the staff of officers of Orphea temple of Portland. The visitors, about in number, arrived down on the ple of Portland. The visitors, about forty in number, arrived down on the Shaver, and the work was proceeded with at once, which occupied the time until near midnight, after which lunch was served, speeches made and a general good time indulged in until 3 o'clock, when the Telephone arrived and the visitors departed for home. The St. Helens contingent were highly pleased with the work throughout, and we believe the visitors enjoyed themwe believe the visitors enjoyed them-selves. The staff from Orphea is de-serving of much credit for the profic-iont manner with which every detailed part of the work is done. The result of the visit will inspire the home tem-ple to renewed energy, and we believe the pace is set for a healthy growth of the local lodge.

There are two stray cayuese on the Germany hill range that should be taken care of by their owners. The animals have been fed by Mr. George Lemont a greater part of the winter, but "forbestance has caused to be a virtue," and George says he can no longer afford to feed them. One is a gray, the other a sorrel, and an effort should be made to find their owner.

BOOM IN TIMBER LANDS.

Prospects for This Summer are Very Fiattering.

The following is taken from the Astorian of last Friday, and will be of greater or less interest to the people of this county:

"J. H. Griffin, a well-known timber cruiser, returned yesterday from St. Helens, where he had been examining timber lands where he had been examining timber lands.

In another column will be found the advertisement of the Holaday nurseries, at Scappoose. It is the duty of Columbia county people to patronize this nursery, it being a home enterprise, besides the stock kept on hand is of the best quality and true to name. When you are contemplating the purchase of fruit trees, write to the Monte Vieta nursery for prices.

tion of the weather and the prevailing warm rains will have taken the snow oft so rapidly as to cause a very high water in the Willamette.

A package containing a pair of men's slippers and a purse—empty, however—was dropped on the street Tuesday morning. Finder please leave at this

We have the results of some men, even in St. Helens, who are trying to settle the Philippine question, who, in reality, could scarcely settle a laundry

Messrs, J. H. Sheldon and W. H. Dolman put up a large quantity of ice during the recent cold anap which will come in very handy next summer.

Sheriff Rice's tax-collecting bond, in the sum of \$8,000, will be filed in a day or two, and tax collecting will be pro-ceeded with probably by Tuesday next.

The final settlement of the William Wilkinson estate was made in the pro-bate court on Tuesday, and the ad-ministratrix discharged.

Rev. Philbrook will preach next Sunday at Bachelor Flat at 11 o'clock a. m. and at Scappoose at 7: 30 p. m.

Mr. Gray, of Portland, will conduct services in the Episcopal church next sick, is improving at the present time. Cook Camble reports his daughter.

M. C. Gray and James Muckle were

'Tom Cooper was up from Kalama the first of the week attending to business matters here.

ness in Portland last Saturday. Uncle Sloan Fullerton, of Warren,

was in town Monday. It is said that Representative Hall

was in this city on Tuesday. Do not forget the mite party tomor

where he had been examining timber lands for Michigan capitalists, with a view to pur-chasing for sawmill plants to be started in the near future. He says there is consider-able good timber in Columbia county still, but most of it is rather remote from the streams, says the Oregonian. When asked where the bulk of the available timber lies Trask creeks and their tributaries still contain large bodies of fir, cedar and spruce, and there is also a large amount of timber at the head of Lewis river and on the Washougal, in the state of Washingtom. On Gray's river and on Young's river, tributaries of the lower Columbia, much first class timber can still be found. Most of the timber lands of Oregon and Washington have passed out of the hands of the government, and are being held by private persons, who are awaiting a rise in values. Mr. Griffin thinks there will be a general inquire THE MIST was the only paper in Columbia county to furnish its readers with the news that Freeman's gristmill, at Fishhawk, was destroyed week before last by fire. They are all fairly good papers, but in order to keep posted on what is happening in the county it is absolutely necessary to read THE MIST.

Griffin thinks there will be ageneral inquiry for these lands on the part of Eastern people in the near future. He predicts also that both the Pennoyer mill in Portland and the running at full blast. The two mills to gether have a capacity of over 200,000 feet good papers, but in order to keep per day, and when they start up they will posted on what is happening in the county it is absolutely necessary to read THE MIST.

"Timber locaters have been busier in this section in the section i year. Export cargoes cannot be sent out on account of the shallow water and the dangerous and spits at the entrance to the harbor, so the mills there at present are not operated more than half the year. An appropriation by congress for building a jetty, similar to happrovements made to harbors in the South Bend country, would result in great beneft to the people of Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia counties. A veritable boom in timber, both in mill and logging operations, may be looked for with the opening of summer, and several deals are already under way which may be closed before this time.

Ous bruises, but nothing serious.

The Newsreporter at this place two week ago did not catch an item correctly, so haved in you in his own mind, and when was printed it did not sound very truthing and the postmaster gets ripped up the bac on account of it. After this, Bob, you should inquire more thoroughly.

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Pruning Fruit Trees.

Begin early in the life of the tree to shape it. A young tree should consist of a cen-tral leader with the main branches distrib-The one-half interest in the Banquet saloon belonging to Thomas Cooper has been disposed of to Mr. J. S. Cloninger and transferred by him to Mr. Eugene Whitney, who in foture will assist the former gentleman in the conduct of the business.

Smelt are very plentiful in the lower river, and they are going into the small streams to spawn in great numbers.

People who believe in omens construe this as a sign that the following run of the streams to grow.

Trai leader with the main branches distributed evenly about it, forming a well-bal-acced head. A tree with a decided fork in the trunk should never be set. The point at which a limb should be removed is just at the upper part of the shoulder, which will be at the base of each limb where it joins the main trunk. If we cut closely the size of the wound is increased without to any appreciable extent decreasing the size of the stub. If the cutting is further from the tree the scar is still the same size and a long stub is left over which it will take a tree years to grow.

of this is that great growth and great fruit-fulness do not go together. A plant must reach a certain degree of maturity before it produce fruit and an abundance of plant food at the time the buds are forming is desirable for best results.

Our State Tax. TATE OF OREGON, TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Balms, February 6th, 1839.

Gounty treasurer of Columbia county, St. Helens, Or. Dear Sir.-Permit me to inform you that under the annual apportionment of state taxes, as made by the State Beard of Levy under date of January 5th, 1839, the amount found due the state of Oregon from Columbia county on account of current expense tax for 1808, was \$7,67.06. Tranting the remittance of the amount named will receive your usual prompt attention, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Char. S. Moone,

State Treasurer. SALEM, February 6th, 1800

BEUBEN NOTES.

Martin Both and Miles Sheeivn, of Raiser, were in town last week.

Will Walding moved his family fro

E. W. Fowler, G. C. Jaquish Foster were in Portland Monday. O. E. Hunter left for Eastern Oregon Monday of last week for a short rest.

Cook Gamble reports his daughter, will was in Baker City, as being very sick. E. D. Fleming moved his family from decreaville to Kalama last week. Mr. Fleming will be employed over there as right clerk.

The Riverside whist club was organized at Goble last week with the following officers: L. Pressy, president; M. D. Link, vice-president; Walter Hauter, secretary: Miss Grace Burnett, treasurer. The club starts off with a membership of acerty two dozen players. Meeting place is Horthwick's new hall, Thursday svenings.

Remember our clubbing rates en able you to secure THE MIST and the Weekly Oregonian for \$2.00 per year.

BAKING

VERNONIA VARIETIES

The thormometer here registered six de-grees above on Friday last.

Mrs. Rooms Mitchell was visiting Mrs. Slegert Monday and Tuesday. Percy Allen, of Elsis Wash., was the

Miss Wilson is steadily improving from a recent attack of lung fever under the ex-cellent treatment of Dr. Hatfield.

Arthur Johnson was in town Prids consult the doctor in regard to Mrs. Jo son's condition, who has a severe attact

Reube Sessemaa, wife and brother-in-law, she have been the guests of R. Sesseman and family for some time, started for their home at Forest Grove Friday.

Arthur Johnson, with the assistance of Ernest Shannaban, has been engaged re-cently in dressing up the former's slashing. Mr. Johnson intends going into the sheep-raising business for a livelihood in the near future.

Again mother earth has on the ermine garb, which was comewhat of a surprise to our people, as the early vegetation had began to put forth its buds quite freely, giving sufficient evidence that nature was preparing for spring.

We are informed that Miss Bertha Gillihan and Omar Success have been quite sick at University Park. Their mother. Mrs. Spencer, was with them during their illness, like returned to her home here on Wednesday of this week.

economy.

Nothing does more to content people and attract strangers than good wagon roads amouth and hard at all seasons. People can traverse them without extra watchful neas or excessive weariness and enjoy the ride and scenery; meet with no obstructions in hading their, loads to market, and numerous other advantages. If we can make a permanent improvement at once on our principal thoroughfare without too heavy burden of taxation, let us do so forthwith but at all events we can permanently improve a part of the road each year until it becomes good. People will appreciate the popularity of the movement and sentitent will grow in favor of doing more. An era of good feeling and pleasant greeting will commence at once.

It seems from recent developments that

streams to spawn in great numbers.

People who believe in omens construction this as a sign that the following run of salmon will be large.

The Slavens boys, who have been employed for about a year in Portland, expect to start the first of March for Alaska, where they intend to embark in business and follow their trade, that of carpentering.

Mrs. W. H. Dolman returned the first of the week from Salem, where she had spent several weeks at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Giltner, who has been critically ill for some time.

It is feared that the audden moderation of the weather and the prevailing warm rains will have taken the snow of so rapidly as to cause a very high to for a point of a spent acceptance.

Also for the stub. If the cutting is further from the tree the scar is still the same size and a long stub is left over which it will take a tree years to grow.

It seems from recent developments that G. A. Sanford was decidedly on the clock and he was not alone in the matter and the best way to do this is to begin when the subscriber and when subscriber and ordered the paper discontinued cally and carefully. If it is necessary to remove a large limb, use a saw, cutting in the motion expired the subscriber and ordered the paper and when subscriber and ordered the paper of iscontinued to remove a large limb, use a saw, cutting in the motion expired the subscriber and ordered the paper not taken from the postoffice, and when the subscriber she had spent several weeks at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Giltner, who has been critically ill for some time.

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HOULTON NOTES

Skating has been the main sport the past Mrs. D. Hemhaw visited Portland on Wednesday.

The thermometer stood seven degree Calvin Howard, of Yankton, was visiting here with George Emerson Friday last. Dr. Cliff and J. K. Binkesley, of St. Hel-ens, took the train for Gobie last Friday. About two inches of snow fell here last saturday and on Monday about six inches.

The overland train from St. Paul has seen running five to eight hours late this

N. A. Perry lost his valuable cow, Piny, on Friday of last week. Piny was a faithful old cow.

Representative Hall and Judge T. A. Mc-Bride were passengers for the Portland train Tuesday.

Aaron Kelley and Jep Walker came home from Scappoose Friday last to stay unti-the cold snap ceases.

Miss Huba Shatto and Miss Perry, of Rainler, came up on the moon train to visit friends and relatives Tuesday.

A number of our boys went skating Sun-day on Scappoose bay. The ice was nearly three luches thick in some places. Mrs. W. R. Moffett, who has been visiting here with her sister. Mrs. Henshaw, returned home Wednesday morning.

The water system at this place is frozen up on account of cold weather, and it is im-possible for the people to get water only by carrying it from the creek.

Miss L. A. Wilson went to Portland last Friday evening. In her absence the school is being taught by Miss Wettle, who form-erly taught the Columbia City school. A. T. Henshaw, who has been in Eastern Oregon for the past year, returned home Thurs ay evening of last week. All says that Eastern Oregon is way ahead of this part of the state for cold weather.

MANY A LOVER Has turned with disgust from an otherwise lovable girl with an offensive breath. Karl's Clover Root Tes purifies the breath by its action on the bowels, etc., as nothing class will. Bold for years on absolute guarantee. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross, druggist, St. Helens, and N. A. PerODDS AND ENDS.

With trath some men have not even a

Mr. Bryan says that sliver is strong ver. It is absolutely certain that It is not the people who believe that 16 to is a burning issue who have money to

It is being hinted that if an attempt be made to keep Polygamist Roberts out of his test in congress, his friends will tell things about other members which will not be

When a man is so infernally mean and cranky that nobody wants to have anything to do with him, his wife always says he has a "pscular disposition, which must be un-derstood to be appreciated."

MARRIED.

VERSAUL-BERGLE.—At the residence of bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beeg at Warren, Oregon, os Sunday, Februs 5, 1896, Mr. W. E. Eversaul and Miss Cli Beegle, Rev. J. A. Renshaw officiating

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February, 7, 1899.
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